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Please stop the bickering and settle this case as is. The settlement is fair and reasonable. The whiners are complaining that this will enable Microsoft to gain a foothold in the schools. No one wants a operating system in their classroom that can only supports less than 5 % of the software available on the market today. Mac writes all of their software except Office Suite. My experience with schools is that the Mac's and apples are located in the janitor closet collecting cobwebs and dust. The teachers are migrating away from the former platform that is more expensive than Microsoft. You cannot run Mac on a Intel platform which businesses are donating to the school. There is only one vendor that sells the hardware for the Mac and that is Macintosh the manufacturer who is crying foul. If it was not for Microsoft who developed a office suite and also bailed them out from going bankrupt a couple of years ago, there would not be any computer platform for any Mac a holic to go to. If monetary amounts are imposed, there is no guarantee that the funds will actually show up in the needed schools classrooms as computer for the students. Case in point is our wonderful state of California and our pathetic schools in Los Angeles. The funds always get diverted to the special interest group who is supporting the corrupt system there.

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